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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY MEETING OF CCG

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1. DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS OF SAFEGUARD CLAUSE FOR INTERIM SALARY ADJUSTMENT (AGENDA ITEM III OF REF A) WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AT FEBRUARY CCG MEETING.

(A.) SECRETARIES-GENERAL REP INTERPRETED 135TH REPORT TO MEAN THAT IF ANY ADJUSTMENT PAID IN EXCESS OF ACTUAL AMOUNT LATER INDICATED BY GENERAL REVIEW, ORGANIZATIONS WOULD REDUCE ACTUAL COL FIGURE TO AMOUNT JUSTIFIED BY GENERAL REVIEW. HOWEVER, IF THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERPAYMENT, SEC-GEN REP DID NOT INTERPRET SAFEGUARD CLAUSE TO INDICATE ANY OVERPAYMENT WOULD BE COLLECTED.

(B.) NATIONAL REPS, LED BY DUTCH, BELIEVED 135TH  
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REPORT DIRECTED ORGANIZATIONS TO DEDUCT ACTUAL OVERPAYMENT FROM AMOUNT DICTATED BY GENERAL REVIEW. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ITEM WAS POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING, SINCE BY THEN AMOUNT OF GENERAL INCREASE AND PRACTICAL EFFECTS -- IF ANY-- WILL BE KNOWN. DUTCH REP., IN THIS CASE FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE, INDICATED THAT IF NO COLLECTION OF OVERPAYMENTS WERE MADE, DUTCH WOULD NOT

APPROVE ANY FUTURE REQUESTS FOR INTERIM COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

2. AGENDA ITEM IV - EXPATRIATION ALLOWANCE ENTITLEMENT. GROUP EXPRESSED GENERAL APPROVAL OF WORKING PARTY REPORT CCG/W(76)50 AND CHAIRMAN AGREED TO PREPARE DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCILS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT CCG MEETING.

3. NO DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM V, PROTECTION OF EXPATRIATE STAFF AGAINST CURRENCY RATE FLUCTUATIONS. PAPER NOT YET AVAILABLE AND WE UNDERSTAND SEC-GENS HAVE NOT AGREED ON WORDING OF DOCUMENT TO BE PRESENTED.

4. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON ITEM VI (JOINT ADMIN UNIT FOR PENSION SYSTEM) POSTPONED TO MARCH MEETING WHEN SEC-GEN REP ANNOUNCED THAT SEC-GENS WERE MEETING SOON AND WOULD BE ABLE TO INDICATE THEIR WISHES BEFORE MARCH CCG MEETING. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ESTABLISHING WORKING PARTY TO STUDY JOINT ADMIN UNIT CALLS FOR FINAL REPORT TO CCG BY SEPTEMBER 1. UP TO NOW SEC-GENS REP HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO MOVE VERY SLOWLY ON THIS ITEM.

5. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, NATO REP REQUESTED GROUP TO DISCUSS TWO SUB-POINTS (H) AND (I) OF PO/77/13 (REF-TELS B AND C). DESPITE NATO REP'S STRONG INSISTENCE THAT GROUP REFER WHOLE MATTER TO WORKING PARTY, A QUICK CANVAS OF NATIONAL REPS INDICATED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLOSING THE DOOR ON (H) AND REFERRING ONLY (I) TO WORKING PARTY. AFTER NATO REP NEARLY REACHED BOILING POINT, CHAIRMAN MASSBERG DEFERRED DISCUSSION ON WHOLE ITEM TO MARCH MEETING. US REP'S FEELING IS THAT GATE CAN BE SWUNG FIRMLY SHUT ON (H) AT MARCH MEETING: HOWEVER, MOST NATIONAL REPS FAVORED REFERRING (I) TO CCG WORKING PARTY 11 WHICH WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO REPORT BACK TO CCG BY APRIL MEETING.  
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